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Title: E-COMMERCE BID AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of patent application Serial No. 99/771,142, filed on January 26, 2001, and entitled E-COMMERCE BID AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred.

- An amendment under 37 CFR § 1.114 is attached. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for 3 months is attached.
- Charge the Extension Fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 to the Deposit Account.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Filed" table.

CLAIMS PRESENT

Claims Remaining:	Highest Number Previously Paid For:	Number Extra		Rate		Fee
Basic Filing Fee (Basic national fee + Examination fee + Search fee)						\$790.00
Total Claims						
10	34	θ	X	\$50.00	-	\$0.00
Independent Claims						
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLA	IM FEE					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$790.00

- A charge to the Deposit Account identified below in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE Filing Fees.
- Additional Attachments: Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 and Attachments

Address all future communications to the Attention of George H. Gates at Gates & Cooper LLP, Howard Hughes Center, 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, California 90045, Telephone: (310) 641-8797.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

Please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 of Gates & Cooper LLP.

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